THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposed Project (1x30 MW) envisages utilisation of waters of two principal tributaries of the Shanmuga Nadhi, namely the Thevankawiar and the Porandalar.

(c) and (d) While the Project report has been examined in the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) and the Central Water Commission, it could be considered for techno-economic clearance by the CEA only after inter-State issues are resolved.

Power Project in Maharashtra

2612. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Thermal Power Corporation has made a survey for setting up of a power project at Chandrapur, Maharashtra;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any report of the survey has been submitted to Government;

(d) if so, what are the recommendations made by the NTPC; and

(e) by when Government propose to implement the report ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) to (e) The NTPC, after carrying out a survey of the area, have identified a site at Chandrapur in Maharashtra for locating a super thermal power station of 1000 MW capacity in the first stage. Action in respect of preparation of feasibility report has been initiated by the NTPC. The project could be considered for implementation only after its techno-economic viability is established, all the inputs such as coal water and financial resources have been tied up and various clearances are available.

Power production capacity

2613. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) what was the production capacity of electricity upto the end of 1985 and what quantity of this production was short of our total requirement;

(b) what quantity of electricity is going to be produced this year as compared to the year 1985; and

(c) by when the country will become self-sufficient in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) The installed capacity (utilities) in the country as on 31-3-1986 was about 46604 MW. The net energy generation during 1985-86 was 157.3 billion units and the net energy requirement was 170.7 billion units.

(b) A gross energy generation target of 190 billion units has been fixed for 1986-87 as against the gross generation of about 170 billion units in 1985-86.

(c) Various measures are being taken by Government to augment the availability of power which include commissioning of additional capacity, better utilisation of existing capacity, reduction in transmission and distribution losses, installation of short station projects etc. Subject to availability of funds, the power position is expected to be considerably ameliorated during the next 4 to 5 years.

Production of essential drugs

2614. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer the answer to USQ 1245 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th Nov., 1986 and state :

(a) whether the Hathi Committee in its report submitted a decade back had re-